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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The Restriction Requirement mailed March 31, 2003 divided the claims into two groups: Group I (claims 1-41, drawn to a liquid crystal device) and Group II (claims 42-51, drawn to a method).

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 31, 2003, Applicants elect Group II, claims 42-51, with traverse. The election is made with traverse because both groups of claims are directed to chiral nonracemic liquid crystal materials which contain a deVries smectic A phase. Therefore, the same search would be required for both groups.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

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